

Amendments to the Claims: This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An extrusion type nozzle comprising:

a block having therein a manifold for distributing liquid along a coating width, a slit for allowing said liquid distributed in said manifold to pass therethrough, and a discharge outlet for discharging said liquid from said slit, said slit including a first portion and a second portion provided closer to said discharge outlet than said first portion; and

a first forming member for forming a wall of said first portion of said slit, said first forming member being displaceable to change a gap of said first portion of said slit, a length of said first forming member varies along a width of said first forming member, said length in a direction of discharging said liquid.

2. (Original) The extrusion type nozzle according to claim 1, wherein said first forming member is exchangeable.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Original) The extrusion type nozzle according to claim 1, further comprising a displacing mechanism for tilting said first forming member along said coating width.

5. (Original) The extrusion type nozzle according to claim 1, wherein said slit further includes a third portion closer to said manifold than said first portion, said nozzle further comprising a second forming member for forming a wall of said third portion of said slit, and being exchangeable.

6. (Original) The extrusion type nozzle according to claim 1, further comprising a second forming member for forming a wall of said manifold, said second forming member being displaceable to change an area of a cross section of said manifold perpendicular to said coating width.

7. (Original) The extrusion type nozzle according to claim 6, further comprising a displacing mechanism for tilting said second forming member along said coating width.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) A coating apparatus comprising:

an extrusion type nozzle for producing a coating of liquid, including

a block having therein a manifold for distributing said liquid along a coating width, a slit for allowing said liquid distributed in said manifold to pass therethrough, and a discharge outlet for discharging said liquid from said slit, said slit including a first portion and a second portion provided closer to said discharge outlet than said first portion, and

a forming member for forming a wall of said first portion of said slit, said forming member being displaceable to change a gap of said first portion of said slit, a length of said forming member varies along a width of said forming member, said length in a direction of discharging said liquid;

a measuring unit for measuring a value of at least one of a weight, a thickness, and a density of said coating; and

a controller for controlling an amount of displacement of said forming member of said extrusion type nozzle according to said measured value.

11. (Cancelled)